

gates are preferred as we need all the help we can have. Plenty of good active delegates will warrant a good conference. Should any one on the program fail to receive a special notice of the part assigned them refer to EVANGELIST No. 27, July 13, and see program and prepare accordingly, only remember conference opens on the 20th instead of 22nd,
C. FORNEY, Dist. Pres.

Provisional Program of Ministerial Association

To be held in North Manchester, Ind., June 29, '99.

The Meaning of Scriptural Numbers, G. W. Rench.

Archaeology as an Aid in Old Testament Study, W. D. Furry.

Christianity and Sociology, (Two talks), C. F. Yoder.

Second Coming of Christ, W. C. Perry.

Lectures on John, (Two), W. D. Furry.

The Church of the Twentieth Century, W. C. Perry.

Church History, (Two talks), R. R. Teeter.

Expository Preaching, G. W. Rench.

How Best Present the Life of Christ From the Pulpit, B. H. Flora.

Modern Superstitions, W. H. Miller.

The Gospel of the Kingdom, Louis S. Bauman.

Mission Methods of the Early Church, L. A. Hazlett.

Three-fold Preparation of the World for Christ—Jewish—Roman—Greek, W. H. Miller.

Three Bible Readings, L. O. Hubbard, J. M. Fox, D. A. Hopkins.

The Pulpit and the Pew, W. W. Summers.

The Doctrine of Sanctification, L. W. Ditch.

The Plan of the Ages, W. D. Furry.

The Preacher in Politics, L. A. Hazlett.

Systematic Methods, B. H. Flora.

Query Department.

Doctrine of Prayer, L. S. Bauman.

The Pastor in the Sick Room, J. M. Fox.

W. D. FURRY,

W. H. MILLER,

B. H. FLORA,

Program Committee.

Program of the Sub-conference of S. W. Va.

To meet in Roanoke City at Bethany meeting house at 2 P. M., Aug. 26, 1898.

Meeting called to order by D. C. Moomaw, pastor. Song, reading and prayer, directed by S. H. Love of Lumburg, Va.

Temporary organization and appointment of committees.

Report of Committees.—On credentials; on permanent organization; on rules; on entertainment.

Reading of papers on special subjects by brethren to whom they have been assigned.

Duties of Pastors, S. H. Love.

Duties of Deacons, Lee McCartney and W. C. Wine.

Close of first session by singing and prayer, led by Brother Woodford, of Bedford City.

Public preaching at 7:30 P. M. by brother I. N. Gillispie of Bedford City, Va.

SECOND SESSION

Singing, reading and prayer, led by Eld. F. M. Spangler, of Floyd City, Va.

Evangelistic Work, Eld. J. S. Bowman.

Christian Stewardship, C. Nininger.

Sunday School Work, Wm. Spangler.

Attendance on Public Worship, G. W. Wood.

Woman's Work, Mrs. Annie Nininger.

Missions, D. C. Moomaw.

Church Music, Louise S. Moomaw.

Formal Profession, B. C. Moomaw.

Definite Knowledge of Personal Salvation, Mrs. Nannie Nininger.

Paramount Obligation of Obedience, Mrs. Edward Nininger.

Close of morning session by prayer and song, led by Eld. G. W. Wood.

EVENING SESSION

Song and prayer, led by I. N. Gillispie.

Election of Evangelist.

Reports of pastors, of their work in the past and plans for the future and prospects in general.

A general mass meeting and love greeting of all the members present, concluding with a love feast service beginning at 6 P. M.

REMARKS

It is the purpose of this sub-conference to bring all the members and workers of this part of the state, consisting of the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Bedford, Pittsylvania, Montgomery, Floyd, Carrol, Cray, Franklin, Alleghany and Lumburg, together in order to become acquainted with each other and to organize for vigorous evangelistic work within their limits.

While the conference will consist of chosen delegates it is especially desired to have the members generally to attend. There is an inspiration in mass meetings and our people need just that kind of incentive to action.

Five years ago there were only about 20 members in this section of Virginia, now there are over 400 and the outlook is bright and brightening.

The apportionment will be as follows, to wit: Every 25 members or less in every congregation will be entitled to one delegate, and for every 25 or fraction thereof over, one delegate will be eligible.

Those coming by R. R. will note the following instructions:

From the east via the N. & W., take the train that reaches Roanoke at 8 A. M.

From the north via the Shennandoah Valley branch of the N. & W., buy your ticket at Hollins to arrive at 8 A. M. of the 26th of August, and notify Eld. C. Nininger, a week previous. He will meet you with conveyance.

From the south, via the Roanoke & Southern, reach Roanoke by the earliest morning train.

From the west, via the N. & W., come on the 1:30 train to Roanoke and thence on the Shennandoah Valley to Hollins. If as many as ten persons come on any one road, excursion rates will be obtained. Let me know at least ten days previous who will come so that preparations can be made. All coming to Roanoke will address me, those to Hollins, C. Nininger.

D. C. MOOMAW.

P. S.—Brethren and sisters to whom topics have been assigned will write out their views thereon and read to conference. If they cannot come, send by mail. Make your essays short and sharp.

Notes From Zed H. Copp

DAYTON

Boys and girls, please don't forget the boxes of clothing for the children who wish to attend our church and Sunday-school. Get as much together as you can, write me a postal and send the goods by freight *prepaid* to sister Charlotte T. Bond, 15 Keowill street. Who will be the first to respond? We shall mention the names of all donors in the "Notes."

The Children's Day exercise is again postponed, owing to serious sickness of one who will have an active part.

BEAR CREEK

The all-day meeting was an occasion of real spiritual joy, Christian thanksgiving and social pleasure. Short, pointed addresses were made by Henry Murr, Peter Shank, George Kimmel, Sister Shock, Rev. J. D. Sandy of Conservative church, and several others. At the dinner hour the sisters gave evidence of prosperity and plenty at their homes and also how to make these blessings profitable and tempting to the appetite.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brother Keil filled the Dayton pulpit Sunday night to a good-sized audience.

The two confessions at West Alexandria were baptized Sunday evening.

One confession at the Soldiers' Home last Friday.

We expect to be absent over two Sundays on a visit to the Old Dominion and Northfield, Mass., during August.

We hope that all who attend General Conference will go spirit-filled.

EXALT CHRIST—Matt. 21:1-11

Topic Aug. 14.

More and more men are coming to cease from profitless theological discussions and to recognize Christ as the all in all of religion. The most spiritual people, the most powerful soul-winners today are not those who know all the "isms" but those whose lives are kept in close touch with Christ. By this contact comes the Christ-life in its strength giving victory over sin and bearing the fruit of the Spirit before the world that men may see and glorify the Father in heaven.

Again, love to God precedes love to man. That old tale of "Abou Ben Adhem may his tribe increase" is an unworthy one because a man of whom it cannot be said "he loves his God" lacks very much of being a good man and his pretense of love to his fellowman may well be doubted. "By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep his commandments." 1 John 5:2.

And again, if we would know the secret of the holy life we will find it not so much in setting our wills against temptation as in quiet fellowship with Christ when it comes. No evil thought can tarry in his presence. No harm can come when in his care. He is able to keep all that is committed to him and the way best to exalt him is to wholly surrender to him that self may be lost and only Christ shine out through us. God help us to do this.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

- 1 Christ exalted by the Father, Eph. 2:5-11.
- 2 Exalted by the Spirit, John 14:26
- 3 Exalted by his followers, 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.
- 4 By continuing his work, Luke 4:18, with John 20:21.
- 5 By living as he would live, John 8:12, with Matt. 5:14-16.
- 6 By loving as he loved, John 17:26.
- 7 By ministering to the needy, Matt. 24:40.
- 8 By consecration of body and spirit, Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:20.
- 9 Seeking his glory in all things, 1 Cor. 10:31.
- 10 By right aims in life, Col. 3:1-4.
- 11 Keeping the commandments, 1 John 5:2, 3.
- 12 Being thankful, Luke 17:17-19.
- 13 By public confession, 1 John 4:15; Luke 12:8.
- 14 By spreading the Gospel, Matt. 28:19; Matt. 24:14.
- 15 By winning souls, Isa. 53:10, 11; Matt. 4:19; John 15:16.
- 16 Jesus our all, John 3:16; John 17:19; Matt. 8:17; Acts 1:11.
- 17 Worthy of honor, Rev. 5:8-11.
- 18 God all in all. 1 Cor. 15:58; John 12:28.
- 19 We shall share in his glory, 1 John 3:2; 2 Tim 2:12.
- 20 Repeat in concert Jude 25.

FOR TWO MINUTE TALKS

- 1 Why must we humble self in order to exalt Christ?
- 2 How may Christ be exalted in the home?
- 3 How may Christ be exalted in the business world?
- 4 How may Christ be exalted in government?
- 5 How may children exalt Christ?
- 6 How do we sometimes fail to exalt Christ?
- 7 Can we exalt Christ without helping the missionary cause?

To the leader.—Songs bearing on this topic are abundant. Select the best. Some special or new song would be helpful. Give the questions out beforehand and see that Bibles enough are present that there is no delay in reading the references. Get all to talk of why and how we should exalt Christ and give an invitation to accept him.

C. F. YODER.